

SENATE BILL 2683

By Haile

AN ACT to amend Chapter 568 of the Private Acts of 1939; as amended by Chapter 107 of the Private Acts of 1981; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the city of Portland.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 568 of the Private Acts of 1939, as amended by Chapter 107 of the Private Acts of 1981, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Article VIII and substituting instead the following:

**ARTICLE VIII**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES**

There is hereby established within the City of Portland government and under its authority a department of public works and public utilities, unless hereafter otherwise provided by ordinance consistent with the general laws of the state. Within the department, there will be divisions of authority and responsibilities consistent with good management practices and sound internal control. These divisions are to be established from time to time by ordinances of the City Council. Such ordinances shall set forth the functions of each division, and the divisions created may be abolished, reorganized, or combined by the City Council. All supervision and direction of each division established shall be subject to the authority of the Mayor, and the employees of the City shall be assigned to each division by the Mayor, subject to approval of the City Council.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the city of Portland. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.